

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**March 30, 2004**

**FROM:** PATRICK J. MEAD, Interim Director  
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

**SUBJECT: CEQA EXEMPTION FOR THE AMBOY ROAD PAVING PROJECT IN THE  
WONDER VALLEY AREA**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (1) Find that the Amboy Road Paving Project in the Wonder Valley area is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Class 1, Section 15301(c) {Minor Alterations}, and (2) Approve the project as defined in the Notice of Exemption and direct the Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Amboy Road Paving Project consists of the re-paving of Amboy Road from 1 mile northeast of Ironage Road to 12 miles northeast of Ironage Road in the Wonder Valley Area. Department staff has reviewed the existing roadway and has determined that asphalt surface treatment paving is needed to maintain the structural integrity of the road and to maintain a smooth driving surface. All work will be performed within the existing road right of way. Environmental staff of the Advance Planning Division of the Land Use Services Department has reviewed this project and recommend a categorical exemption for this project. This project qualifies for an exemption in accordance with CEQA guidelines section 15301 (c). An exempt project allows for minor repairs and alterations with negligible expansion of the existing use. As such, when the Board considers the environmental findings, the filing of such a Notice of Exemption is required.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item was reviewed by Chief Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico (387-5481) on January 27, 2004 and the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on March 20, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The action to find the project categorically exempt has minimal financial impact. The total project cost is estimated at \$900,000, and it will be constructed under a Board approved contract. Federal Transportation funds and Measure I funds will be used for this project, and they are included in the Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Transportation Budget (RWS TRA TRA 54 TA1113).

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** 1<sup>st</sup>

**PRESENTER:** Patrick J. Mead, 387-7906

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